Rs. 920.87 lakh, for meeting its requirement for targets fixed under National Biogas and Manure Management Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds have been released; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR); (a) to (d) Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMP)' the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been allocating physical targets on year to year basis. During the period 2002-03 to 2008-09 (30th April 2008) an amount of Rs. 20.30 crore has been released to the State of Maharashtra. As the State Government of Maharashtra did not submit their claims alongwith the audited statement of accounts, the final settlement of accounts could not be done. However, accounts upto the year 2005-06 have been settled provisionally and that for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 would be settled after the receipt of required documents including audited statement of accounts from the office of the Accountant General, Maharashtra.

Proposals of Maharashtra under National Biogas Programme

†4089. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has sent some proposals under National Biogas Programme since 2003;

(b) whether it is also a fact these proposals fulfill all the norms;

(c) whether, despite fulfilling all the norms, the Central Government has not allocated the full amount for the projects of 2002-03 to 2006-07;

(d) if so, by when Government would provide funds for above projects;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the funds allocated by Government for this scheme, so far, and the amount likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (f) Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NVMMP)' the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been allocating physical targets on year to year basis during 2002-03 to 2006-07 and 2007-08 for the State of Maharashtra. Year-wise physical achievements and funds released to the State of Maharashtra are given in the Statement *(See* below). In accordance with the provisions of the programme, generally, 50% of the Central Financial Assistance is released alongwith the allocation of physical targets and the balance is released on receipt of satisfactory progress report, utilization certificate, and audited statement of accounts. As the State Government of Maharashtra did not submit their claims alongwith the audited statement of accounts, the final settlement of accounts could not be done. However, accounts upto the year 2005-06 have been settled provisionally and that for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08'would be settled

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

after the receipt of required documents including audited statement of accounts from the office of the Accountant General, Maharashtra

Statement

The details of Physical Achievements and funds released to the State of Maharashtra during the period 2002-03 *to* 2008-09 *under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme*

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No	Year	Physical achievement	Fund released
1.	2002-03	10,020	2.80
2.	2003-04	8,288	1.24
3.	2004-05	7,776	2,66
4.	2005-06	7,549	2.64
5.	2006-07	12,660	2.73
6.	2007-08	12,830*	4.79
7.	2008-09	—	3.44
	TOTAL:		20.30

* Upto February 2008.

Wind power capacity in Andhra Pradesh

4090. SHRI M.V. MYSIJRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to increase wind power capacity in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any studies have been carried out, to explore the potential of wind power along the coastal lines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any target with regard to wind power energy in the country during 2007-08 has been set with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The measures taken by the Government to encourage setting up of wind power projects in the country including Andhra Pradesh are concessional import duty on certain components of wind electric generator; excise duty exemption, ten years' tax holiday on income generated from wind power projects; benefit of accelerated depreciation; loan from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other financial institutions; policies in the States for grid connection and sale of electricity generated; technical support by the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET) including detailed wind resource assessment to identify further potential sites.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Wind surveys have been conducted in 63 locations in Andhra Pradesh including two stations in coastal areas namely Bheemunipatnam and Yanam under the Wind